DO YOU WANT LIFE IMPRISONMENT LIKE THIS, OR...
THIS IS WHERE IT ALL STARTED
THE CHOICE IS YOURS.
I WON'T FORCE YOU
...DO YOU WANT TO DEFEAT IL-RE?
THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT

TO RESIST FATE AND
CONTINUE FIGHTING.
運命に抗い、
戦い続ける。
咎狗の血
とが
いぬ
ち
TOGAINU NO CHI
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何の為に、
誰が為に――？
衝撃のゲーム、遂にコミック化!!
THE POPULAR GAME IS FINALLY ADAPTED INTO A COMIC!!
FOR WHAT SAKE?
FOR WHOSE SAKE?
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CHRISTIAN ERA YEAR 20XX.

"THE 3RD DIVISION"

A WORLD WAR THAT OCCURRED FOR THE THIRD TIME IN HISTORY.

AFTERWARDS, THE ENTIRE COUNTRY WAS TEMPORARILY DIVIDED.

VARIOUS COUNTRIES THAT MADE AN ERROR WERE LEFT IN A STATE OF DEVASTATION. JAPAN WAS ONE OF THEM.

THESE SERIES OF NIGHTMARISH BATTLES EXCEEDED EVERYONE'S EXPECTATIONS.

THE NEW REGULATIONS IN JAPAN WERE EXPECTED TO BRING ORDER.

BUT...

...EVEN WITH THE NEW POLICY, THE OVERBEARING CONDITIONS CONTINUED AND THE PEOPLE WERE IN CHAOS.

5 YEARS LATER.

THE COUNTRY THAT COULD EASILY BE OVERTHROWN BY ITS ENEMIES COULDN'T BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FORMER CAPITAL...

...THAT TURNED INTO A RED-LIGHT DISTRICT

THAT'S WEIRD...
THE SCENT MY NOSE PICKS UP...
...IS A LARGE AMOUNT OF BLOOD.
BUT...
...I DON'T SEE ANY CORPSES AROUND
TO LIVE IS TO EXIST

WALKING AROUND A DARK HOUSE IS DANGEROUS
I MIGHT AS WELL STAY HERE UNTIL IT GETS BRIGHTER
CREAK
DON'T TELL ME!?
SHINE
UWA!?
STEP
STEP
I SUPPOSE I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO KILL HIM
AKIRA?

KEISUKE!?
...YOU'RE AKIRA RIGHT?
THANK GOODNESS! I WONDER WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF I'D MADE A MISTAKE...
IDIOT, DON'T TALK SO LOUD!
BECAUSE I SAW A PERSON THAT LOOKED LIKE YOU. I THOUGHT IT WAS ODD
I WAS WORRIED, SO I DECIDED TO FOLLOW YOU
YEAH
WHY ARE YOU IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...?
...WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
THIS PLACE IS THE SO-CALLED "TOSHIMA", ISN'T IT?

VISITING TIME IS ONLY TEN MINUTES
PERSON NUMBER 11293-TM-3099 AM I RIGHT?
THE WINNER OF 8 LOSTER'S CONSECUTIVE INDIVIDUAL MATCH TOURNAMENTS
WHO'S NEVER BEEN DEFEATED
AND CURRENTLY BEING HELD ON SUSPICION OF MURDER
I DIDN'T DO IT
DO YOU KNOW THE PUNISHMENT FOR COMMITTING MURDER?
A LIFE SENTENCE ISN'T IT?
YES.
THE COUNTRY'S OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON TORTURE IS TO LET THE PERSON KEEP LIVING DRIFTING BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH
OF COURSE SUICIDE IS PROHIBITED
I'M SURE IT MUST BE A PAINFUL EXISTANCE
I DIDN'T KILL ANYONE
WHETHER YOU'RE INNOCENT OR GUILTY IS UP TO THE POLICE
YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO PROVE OTHERWISE DO YOU?

WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?
I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF A PLACE CALLED TOSHIMA
SIT DOWN
MY NAME'S EMMA. THIS PERSON IS GWEN
WELL, YOU CAN THINK OF US AS PEOPLE WHO AREN'T IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE OFFICIALS
THERE'S AN AREA IN THERE CALLED TOSHIMA
IT MAY SEEM LIKE JUST LIKE EVERY OTHER STREET FIGHT, BUT IT'S NOT THE SAME AS FIGHTING IN CLOISTER.
IGURA IS A REAL SWORD FIGHTING TOURNAMENT THAT WAGES YOUR LIFE.
THE WINNER WILL GET A CHANCE TO FIGHT FOR THE POSITION AS IL-RE, WHO REIGNS AS KING IN TOSHIMA.
IL-RE?
THIS SIDE OF THE COUNTRY IS CFC, THE OTHER IS NIKKOUREN.
NEITHER WERE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE FORMER CAPITAL AND TOKYO BECAME A LAWLESS ZONE.
THERE'S A FIGHTING GAME TAKING PLACE THERE.
I WANT YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN IGURA.

SO IT WASN'T JUST A RUMOR
IF ONLY THAT WERE TRUE
NOT ONLY DO YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG TO BECOME THE LEADER OF THE DRUG ORGANIZATION
THE PERSON WHO GOES BY THAT TITLE IS THE LEADER OF THE DRUG ORGANIZATION "VISCHIO" WHOSE BASE IS IN TOSHIMA
BUT DO YOU KNOW THE REASON WHY THE ORGANIZATION BOASTS OF HAVING A KYOUDAI SYNDICATE?
?
ISURA IS A COMPETITION THAT WAGERS IL-RE'S POSITION
OF COURSE IT'S ONLY APPROPRIATE FOR A STRONG PERSON TO LEAD THE ORGANIZATION, SO THE MONGRELS IN THE CITY ARE SERIOUS ABOUT IT
<KYOUDAI BROTHERHOOD>
IT'S BECAUSE THE PERSON AT THE TOP IS UNDEFEATED
THE FIRST FOUNDER OF ISURA, IL-RE, IS STILL THE INVINCIBLE LEADER EVEN NOW
IL-RE

THE CURRENT IL-RE IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE STRONGEST. MOST CHARISMATIC AND CONTROLS THE ORGANIZATION. IF HIS LEGENDARY INVINCIBILITY IS DESTROYED, I'M SURE THE ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO CRUMBLE.
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT.
THIS MEANS YOU PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING FOR CHALLENGERS TO DEFEAT IL-RE, AREN'T YOU?
THE INVINCIBLE LEADER EXPOSES HIS THRONE TO DANGER, JUST TO TEMPT OTHERS INTO PARTICIPATING.
WHAT HE HAS IS ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE.
TO CLAIM IT'S JUST FOR FUN AND YET YOU BECAME THE WINNER OF BLASTER'S CONSECUTIVE INDIVIDUAL MATCH TOURNAMENTS. YOU SHOW PROMISE.
IT MAY BE QUITE AMAZING TO DEFEAT THE CURRENT IL-RE AND TAKE HIS PLACE IN THE ORGANIZATION.
YOU?
YOU HATE TO WORK IN GROUPS, DON'T YOU? THAT'S WHAT'S WRITTEN IN YOUR PROFILE.
IF YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN ISURA, WE'LL DISREGARD YOUR MURDER CASE.
CLENCH

THE CHOICE IS YOURS
I WON'T FORCE YOU
WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT?
EVEN IF I TOLD THEM THAT I HAVEN'T GOT A CHOICE. ALL I HAVE TO DO IS DEFEAT THAT IL-RE BASTARD.
BUT...
I CHOSE ISURA. THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN DO ANYTHING WRONG
MORE IMPORTANTLY WHY DID YOU FOLLOW ME HERE?
EH?

I DIDN'T BRING ANY...
WEAPONS?
..BUT I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING IN IT
AH I WAS RUSHING WHEN I GRABBED IT THINKING I MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR SOMETHING
WHAT ABOUT THAT BAG?
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF I COULD GIVE YOU A HAND
EVEN THOUGH I'M NOT AS STRONG AS YOU ARE
...YOU'RE VERY LUCKY YOU MADE IT HERE ALIVE
AKIRA I'LL DO MY BEST SO...
AKIRA !
THIS IS MY PROBLEM AND I'LL FIX IT MYSELF
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU SO YOU DON'T NEED TO HELP
GO HOME.
THIS ISN'T A GAME
FROM THE TIME WHEN WE WERE AT THE ORPHANAGE HE WOULD ALWAYS FOLLOW ME EVERYWHERE AND JUST LIKE THIS HE WOULD BE WORRIED
..BY SOMEONE ELSE'S AFFAIRS
KEISUKE DIDN'T CHANGE AT ALL

I DON'T REMEMBER THE WAY...
BUT...
WELL...
I WAS FRANTICALLY CHASING AFTER YOU AND THAT'S WHY...
HALFWAY, I WAS ATTACKED SEVERAL TIMES BUT I RAN AS FAST AS I COULD AND MANAGED TO ESCAPE
BECAUSE I DID THAT, I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER THE WAY
HE'S ODDLY STUBBORN AND THE POINT IS EVEN HIS BAD HABITS HAVEN'T CHANGE AT ALL.
PROMISE ME ONE THING
AH MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I'M FAST ON MY FEET
MAYBE THAT'S WHY I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH?
I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU, BUT
IF I ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING, I RAN AWAY!
PROTECT YOURSELF
EH THAT MEANS
IF HE RETURNS LIKE THIS HE MAY GET ATTACKED AGAIN AND IF WORST COMES TO WORST...
AKIRA?

IF YOU CAN'T RETURN HOME, YOU CAN ONLY STAY HERE, RIGHT?
AAAAAAA
HELP ME, AH!
SWISH
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING
H-HELP ME, PLE...SE!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
SLASH
GAAA
JUST NOW, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING THAT SOUNDED LIKE SOMEONE WAS DYING?
YEAH
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING STRANGE FOR A PLACE LIKE THIS, IS IT
YUP
IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME!
TOUCH
SURPRISE

AH! A LITTLE GIRL?
HOW UNFORTUNATE I FOLLOWED YOU HERE
FOL-LOWED?
I'VE NEVER SEEN EITHER OF YOU HERE BEFORE. ARE YOU NEW?
IF YOU'RE THAT AFRAID, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE YOU KNOW?

<NII-CHAN: ALSO USED FOR MALES OLDER THAN ONESELF>

(SFX. OF LEGENDS)
THEY EXECUTE PEOPLE WHO GO AGAINST IBURA'S RULES
THEY ALSO KILL ON A WHIM AND ARE IRRESPONSIBLE. SO THEY MIGHT EVEN KILL YOU IF YOU DON'T VIOLATE THE RULES
"PUNISHERS"
WHO ARE THEY_!?
PUNISHERS
AND THE ONE BEHIND THEM IS
JINGLE

THE TAGS USED IN IGURA ARE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO GATHER TO CHALLENGE IL-RE.
WE MAY NOT UNDERSTAND BUT THE REAL TAGS HAVE A UNIQUE SMELL TO THEM
REAL OR FAKE...
INU
HE CAN SMELL THEM OUT

MINE ARE UNKNOWN
TAGS...
THEY WERE GIVEN TO ME WHEN I WAS RELEASED FROM PRISON...
LIKE I SAID, HE'S CALLED TAMA
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU HIS NAME'S GONNA BE POCHI
DO YOU HAVE A BAD MEMORY OR SOMETHING, OLD MAN?
AH?
HURRY UP AND WALK POCHI...
SIGH

THAT'S RIGHT
AH THERE ARE A LOT OF WEIRD PEOPLE BUT NOT LIKE THEM
WAIT
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND
...
UMM
AH IGURA
IN IGURA
PARTICIPATE?
SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WHY DON'T YOU PARTICIPATE?
EH?

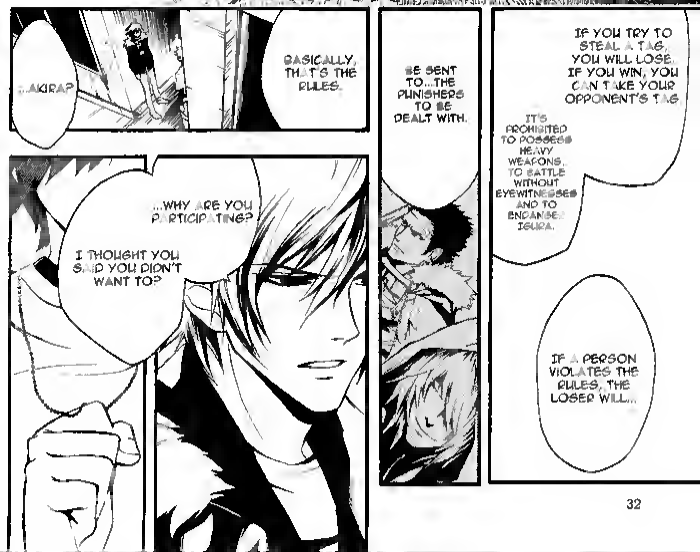
ERM... YOU
YOU SHOULD HAVE GONE BACK WHEN I TOLD YOU TO
THEN I'LL ESCAPE
WHAT IF YOU'RE REQUIRED TO REGISTER?
PLEASE THINK OF OTHERS AS WELL.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? YOU MADE IT HERE A MAN SHOULD HAVE COURAGE!
AKIRA...
MY NAME'S RIN
WHAT ABOUT YOU TWO?
HE'S AKIRA AND I'M KEISUKE
I TOLD YOU THAT I CAN'T...
I WAS ALREADY GIVEN A BRIEF EXPLANATION FROM EMMA AND GWEN...
BUT THERE'RE STILL THINGS I DON'T KNOW ABOUT COLLECTING THE TAGS TO FIGHT IL-RE
KEISUKE ALSO HAS A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS SO WE SHOULD HURRY UP AND FINISH
ARE YOU THE MANY HOPEFUL PEOPLE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN ISHRA?

WEAR THIS AND FOLLOW ME
...THAT WOULD BE ME
WEAR THAT?
WHY MUST I WEAR A MASK?
IT WOULD BE WRONG IF YOU SAW THE FACES OF THE OTHER PARTICIPANTS, WOULDN'T IT?
WELL, IT'S STILL A BIT WEIRD, HUH?
THE BRIEFING WILL START SOON, SO ANYONE WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE ENTER
EVERYONE ELSE, PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE
WAIT-
WAIT A MINUTE
GOOD LUCK, KAY?
CREEEAK
EH?
OKAY.

SUDDEN APPEARANCE
ARE YOU THE ONES FOLLOWING THE PERSON WHO WISHES TO PARTICIPATE?
CLACK
CLACK
I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS
OH?
URGH IT'S ARBITRO
IS HE SUSPECTING SOMETHING...?
NOTHING I JUST THOUGHT I WOULDN T FORGET THE FACE OF SOMEONE WHO S PARTICIPATING
WOOSH
ARE YOU ALREADY A PARTICIPANT?
WHAT ABOUT IT?

KACHA
HAVE A NICE DAY
JINGLE
AH
WELCOME BACK

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE TAGS HAVE RANKS AND SUITS ON THEM. IT'S KIND OF LIKE A SCORE KEEPER.
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO WEAR ONE OF THE ORIGINAL FIVE TAGS THAT WE WERE GIVEN.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CODE, BUT MORE WITH THE NUMBERS.
YOU NEED TO POSSESS A ROYAL STRAIGHT FLUSH AND MORE THAN TEN FULL HOUSES TO CHALLENGE IL-RE.


...AKIRA?
BASICALLY, THAT'S THE RULES.
BE SENT TO...THE PUNISHERS TO BE DEALT WITH.
IF YOU TRY TO STEAL A TAG, YOU WILL LOSE. IF YOU WIN, YOU CAN TAKE YOUR OPPONENT'S TAG.
IT'S PROHIBITED TO POSSESS HEAVY WEAPONS. TO BATTLE WITHOUT EYEWITNESSES AND TO ENDANGER ISURA.
...WHY ARE YOU PARTICIPATING?
I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT TO?
IF A PERSON VIOLATES THE RULES, THE LOSER WILL...

I WANT TO PROTECT YOU.
I WANT TO HELP YOU.
DON'T SAY THAT SO EASILY!
I'LL GIVE ALL THE TAGS THAT I COLLECT TO YOU.
THAT WAY, WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER AND FASTER FOR YOU TO GET THE TAGS YOU NEED TO CHALLENGE XL-RE?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO COLLECT TAGS?
TO KILL...
...OR TO BE KILLED
...I'M PREPARED.
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
PLEASE I'LL PRETEND THAT I'M NOT HELPING YOU OR ANYTHING...
I FINALLY FOUND HIM AND BROUGHT HIM HERE.
THAT OLD MAN IS TOO UNSTEADY ON HIS FEET.
...AH, WHAT'S WRONG?
...IT'S NOTHING.
IS THAT SO?

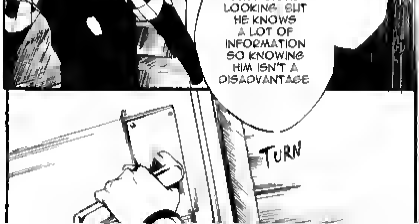
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT

YEAH
OR OSSAN WON'T BE THERE ANYMORE
WELL THEN LET'S GO

I'M SERIOUS ABOUT THIS
AKIRA

(OSSAN UNCLE)

RIN, ABOUT THE OSSAN THAT YOU MENTIONED JUST NOW?
AH HE RUNS AN INFORMATION NETWORK
HE MAY BE SUSPICIOUS LOOKING BUT HE KNOWS A LOT OF INFORMATION SO KNOWING HIM ISN'T A DISADVANTAGE


TURN

THIS PLACE IS IGURA'S NEUTRAL ZONE
THERE'RE OTHER PLACES BUT I SUPPOSE THIS IS WHERE PEOPLE MOSTLY GATHER

<SFX: LOUD MUSIC>

HERE IT IS, AS ALWAYS.
SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU WERE DAWDLING. HERE'S THE AREA OF ACTIVITY. IF YOU LOSE, I'LL KILL YOU, KAY?
YOU'RE QUITE LATE.
THERE HE IS, THAT OSSAN.

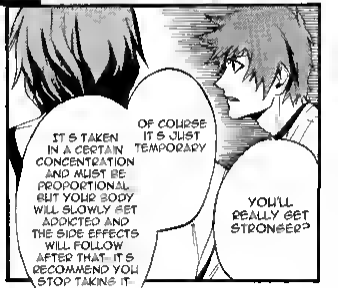
AND THIS ONE'S KEISUKE
AND
YUP
THAT ONE'S AKIRA
AH, IT'S FINE YOU CAN LOSE THE FORMALITY
PLEASE TO MEET YOU
NEWCOMERS?

THAT'S NOT IT.
ARE YOU A PHOTOGRA-PHER?
THAT WAS A PICTURE YOU JUST TOOK OUT NOW, WASN'T IT?
...THIS UNRULY GUY IS MOTOMI
INCLUDING "UNRULY" WAS UNNECESSARY
I'M NOT A PRO. IT'S MORE LIKE A HOBBY TO PASS THE TIME.
FOR MEMORIES.
WHY DON'T WE TAKE A PICTURE?
OH, THAT'S A GOOD IDEA
LET'S TAKE IT TOGETHER
YOU'RE IN THE WAY, OSSAN!
ALL RIGHT, STAND CLOSER THERE
LIWA!
AKIRA, SMILE MORE!
ALL RIGHT, I'M TAKING IT.
CLICK
ALRIGHTY, GOT IT!
I'LL PASS IT OUT WHEN I PRINT IT, 'KAY?
I'M BLIND!

WELL THEN, I'LL GET US SOME DRINKS, SO FIND A COMFORTABLE SEAT.
SURE.

AH, THAT MUST BE RAIN.
"RAIN"?
...?
IT'S A DRUG MADE BY VISCHIO THAT'S CIRCULATING IN THE MARKET RECENTLY.
IF YOU TAKE IT, YOUR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES WILL BE AMPLIFIED.
NOT JUST IN YOUR MIND BUT IT REALLY WILL.

THEY WOULD CONSUME RAIN JUST TO WIN IN IGURA.
IGURA'S ORGANIZATION, VISCHIO, TAKES THE PROFITS FROM THIS, HUH?


OF COURSE IT'S JUST TEMPORARY
IT'S TAKEN IN A CERTAIN CONCENTRATION AND MUST BE PROPORTIONAL. BUT YOUR BODY WILL SLOWLY GET ADDICTED AND THE SIDE EFFECTS WILL FOLLOW AFTER THAT. IT'S RECOMMEND YOU STOP TAKING IT.
YOU'LL REALLY GET STRONGER?

IT'S A WELL THOUGHT OUT SYSTEM
ARE YOU BOTH
THAT INTERESTED IN GETTING STRONG?
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO PROTECT
NO MATTER WHAT
THAT'S WHY I WANT TO BE STRONGER
CLASP
I DON'T WANT TO JUST STAND BACK AND WATCH
EVEN SO
SOMETHING YOU WANT TO PROTECT?
IS IT SOMETHING, SOMEONE OR EVEN YOURSELF?
THE FEELING OF WANTING TO PROTECT SOMETHING IS VERY IMPORTANT BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN YOU KNOW
BUT
SORRY FOR THE WAIT!

レター Letter Please プリーズ

次回のZEROでは「コスプレコンテスト」を開催!!
応募写真と一緒に先生へのメッセージも送ってね♥

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I'VE BEEN PARTICIPATING IN IGURA FOR A LONG TIME THAT'S WHY IT'S BEEN RATHER TIRESOME LATELY...
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO FIGHT SO DON'T WORRY
THERE'RE ALSO A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO WOULD FIGHT WITHOUT HESITATING
TIRESOME?
BUT IT'S A KILLING GAME.
YUP. THAT'S BECAUSE I'M STRONG.
I'M ENJOYING IT FOR NOW, SO THIS IS FINE

RUSTLE
HERE I'LL GIVE YOU HALF
"SOLID" QUITE GOOD FOOD
THANKS
IT'S FINE I HAVE A LOT OF USELESS TAGS
TREAT IT AS SERVICE FOR YOU BOTH COMING ALL THE WAY HERE
I EXCHANGED THEM FOR UNWANTED TAGS
SOLID" AND WATER WHAT'S WITH THIS?
YOU CAN USE THEM FOR VARIOUS THINGS SUCH AS FOOD OR TOOLS IN AN EMERGENCY
AKIRA, ARE YOU HUNGRY?
BUT DOING THIS IS BAD

VISCHIO'S DRUG "RAIN"
THERE WERE ALSO PARTICIPANTS IN CLUSTER THAT TOOK IT.
I SEE.
IF I LOOK CLOSER THERE'RE ALSO A LOT HERE.
AKIRA?
THOSE IMPURE EYES...
AND WHEN IT'S TAKEN...
GLORY
THAT HAPPINESS

. I'VE NEVER KNOWN IT.
Fu...
AKIRA
YEAH...
AKIRA YOU CAN'T SLEEP?
I'M FINE. SO SLEEP
YOU'RE TIRED, AREN'T YOU?
...DEFINITELY WIN.

LET'S GO HOME TOGETHER, KAY?
...YEAH.
I PROMISE THAT SOUNDED LIKE A WISH...
I KNEW THAT IT WOULD BE HARD TO MAKE IT COME TRUE.
BUT...
I COULDN'T EVEN IMAGINE AT THAT TIME...
...WHAT WOULD PREVENT IT
END
WHAT'S OBSTRUCTING THE PATH THAT THEY'RE TAKING...!? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT CHAPTER!!

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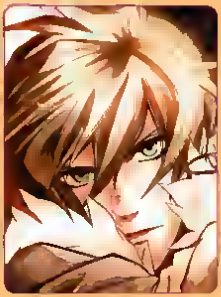

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